

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 8-14 are pending in this case. Claim 8 has been currently amended to comply with the Examiner's request to improve the readability of the claim language.

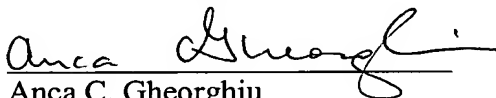
The Examiner has rejected claims 8-14 are the judicially doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of US 6,696,132 B2. To overcome this rejection Applicants have enclosed herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c).

Based upon the above amendments, remarks, and papers of records, applicant believes pending claims 8-14 of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should applicant be in error, applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys, Deposit Account 03-3325.

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